

DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "A method for storing audio-centered information with a multi-level Table-of-Contents (TOC) mechanism and doubling of AREA-TOCs, a device for use with such mechanism and a unitary storage medium having such mechanism" the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on June 8th, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/328024 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

| COUNTRY | APP. NUMBER | DATE OF FILING (DATE, MONTH, YEAR) | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119 |
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| Europe | 98201940.8 | 10 June 1998 | YES |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)

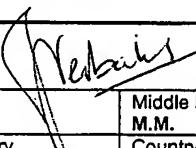
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

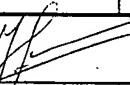
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Title: METHOD, DEVICE, AND INFORMATION STRUCTURE FOR STORING AUDIO-CENTERED INFORMATION WITH A MULTI-LEVEL TABLE-OF-CONTENTS (TOC) MECHANISM AND DOUBLING OF AREA-TOCS, A DEVICE FOR USE WITH SUCH MECHANISM AND A UNITARY STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING SUCH MECHANISM

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATES

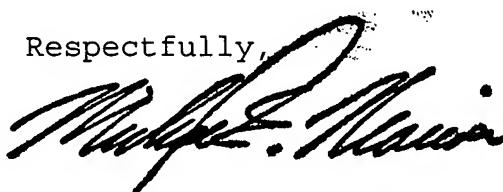
Sir:

The undersigned Attorney of Record hereby revokes all prior appointments (if any) of Associate Attorney(s) or Agent(s) in the above-captioned case and appoints:

MICHAEL E. BELK **(Registration No. 33,357)**
c/o U.S. PHILIPS CORPORATION, Intellectual Property Department, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591, his Associate Attorney(s)/Agent(s) with all the usual powers to prosecute the above-identified application and any division or continuation thereof, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION AND THE LETTERS PATENT WHEN GRANTED SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE UNDERSIGNED ATTORNEY OF RECORD.

Respectfully,



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Dated at Tarrytown, New York
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